

The Second Member of Council will be the Chairman of the Standing Committee for Local Self-Government and the Departments of Medicine, Sanitation and Public Health as well as of the Standing Committee for Railways, Public Works and Electrical Departments. The General Secretary to Government and the Secretary to Government, Public Works Department, are appointed respectively Secretaries of the said Standing Committees.

N. MADHAVA RAO,
Chief Secretary to Government.

DEVELOPMENT SECRETARIAT.

Season and Crop Report for the year 1930-31.

READ—

Letter No. C. Per. A. 24, dated 6th May 1932, from the Revenue Commissioner in Mysore, forwarding the Season and Crop Report for the year 1930-31, with his review thereon.

2. Letter No. Rec. 2888—Hc. 631 of 31-52, dated 6th July 1932, from the Director of Agriculture in Mysore, forwarding his note on the report referred to in the letter read above.

ORDER No. D. 666 715—STOP. 36 31 5, DATED BANGALORE, 16TH AUGUST 1932.

The report was received six months after the due date and the delay is reported to be due to the receipt of inaccurate returns from the Districts of Mysore and Shimoga. The Revenue Commissioner is requested to arrange for the punctual submission of these reports in future.

The average rainfall during the year under report was 36.58 inches as against 39.43 inches in the previous year, thus showing a decrease of 2.85 inches. Except in the Kolar, Kadur, Mysore Districts and some parts of the Tumkur District, the Mungar rains set in somewhat late and were not well distributed. The Hingar rains were, however, copious and well-spread.

An extent of 8,101,088 acres was under occupancy as against 8,148,898 in the previous year. The total extent brought under cultivation was 6,646,289 acres as against 6,635,197 in the previous year showing an increase of 11,092 acres. The area under current fallows (Kabuli Banjar) fell from 1,513,701 to 1,454,799 acres.

The net area irrigated by the several sources of irrigation, such as channels, tanks and wells, was 1,131,942 acres as against 1,109,696 in the previous year, showing an increase of 22,246 acres. The increase is noticeable in all the Districts, except Bangalore.

The gross area under irrigated crops was 1,148,648 acres against 1,121,372 during 1929-30 the area cropped more than once being counted as a separate area for each crop. The increase of 27,276 acres was shared by such crops as rice, *ragi*, *cambu* and other cereals, sugar-cane and other food and non-food crops.

The total cropped area during the year, treating the second cropped area as additional area was 6,893,176 acres as against 6,856,942 in 1929-30, showing an increase of 36,234 acres. The large increase under *cambu* in the Tumkur and Chitaldrug Districts and the decrease under *cholum* in the Kolar and Chitaldrug Districts have not been properly explained. The area under paddy increased by 21,936 acres, while that under *ragi* by 19,828 acres. The yield under paddy varied from 9 to 16 annas and that under *ragi* by from 6.6 to 16 annas. On the whole the yield of these two crops was better than in the previous year. A decrease of 14,329 acres is shown in the area under coffee, chiefly in the Chikmagalur Taluk. The Director of Agriculture is doubtful if this information is accurate as, if it were correct, it could hardly have escaped notice. The decline of 3,000 acres in the area under areca in the Shimoga District is perhaps due, as observed by the same officer, to no areca area being shown

against the Taluks of Channagiri, Honnali and Sorab which, two years before, returned an area of about this extent as under this crop. In his remarks on the report, the Director of Agriculture refers to other divergences between the figures for this and previous years which are not explained. Apparently, the method of compilation of these statistics leaves much to be desired, and the Revenue Commissioner is requested to issue instructions for their correct preparation to obviate discrepancies and omissions of the kind noticed above.

It is gratifying to note that the raiyats have begun to realise the value of improved agricultural methods and to show an increasing inclination to adopt improved implements and use scientific manures.

The exports and imports of many agricultural products showed a considerable decline owing to the economic depression that prevailed during the year. There was, however, an improvement in the position of some important products such as coconut, copra, tobacco and castor-seed, the exports of which showed an increase. There was also a noticeable fall in the importation of fine rice, due, in a large measure, to the extension in cultivation of the finer varieties of paddy from seed distributed by the Agricultural Department.

D. SRINIVASA IYENGAR,

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Development Department.*

GENERAL SECRETARIAT.

Boards of Visitors for the Victoria and the Minto Ophthalmic Hospitals.

READ—

Government Order No. 65-6—Med. 34-29-34, dated 18th June 1930, reconstituting the Boards of Visitors for the Victoria and the Minto Ophthalmic Hospitals in Bangalore and the Krishnarajendra Hospital at Mysore.

2. Government Order No. 14745-7—Med. 34-29-35, dated 26th June 1930, appointing Sir Charles Todhunter, K.C.S.I., Private Secretary to His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore, as a member of the Board of Visitors of the Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore.

3. Government Order No. G. 264-6 Med. 34-29-40, dated 9th July 1930, appointing *Dharma-prakasa* D. Banumiah, Sahucar, as a member of the Board of Visitors for the Krishnarajendra Hospital, Mysore.

4. Government Order No. G. 1482-3—Med. 336-30-5, dated 15th August 1931, sanctioning the appointment of Mrs. Kamalamma Dasappa as a member of the Board of Visitors for the Victoria and Minto Ophthalmic Hospitals at Bangalore.

5. Letter No. C. 130-4, dated 3rd August 1932, from the Senior Surgeon in Mysore, stating that the term of Office of the present Boards expired by the end of June 1932 and forwarding proposals for the reconstitution of the said Boards for a further period of two years.

ORDER NO. G. 1161-3—MED. 40-32-2, DATED BANGALORE, THE
16TH AUGUST 1932.

Government are pleased to reconstitute the Board of Visitors as follows :—

FOR THE VICTORIA AND THE MINTO OPHTHALMIC HOSPITALS AT BANGALORE.

1. *Rajagubhabhushana Diwan Bahadur* Sir K. P. Pattanna Chetty, K.L. C.A.B., (Convener).
2. Mrs. C. B. Rama Rao.
3. *Rao Sahab* H. Chenniah.
4. The President, City Municipal Council, Bangalore.
5. Dr. D. S. Ramachandra Rao, M.D.